

## ***How you can help:***

- Pick up cartridge cases at ALL crime scenes and submit them for imaging. Consistent evidence entry helps your agency get hits.
- Ensure that ALL weapons recovered in your cases are test fired and imaged into NIBIN.
- Follow up on the investigative leads that NIBIN discovers.

## ***NIBIN Makes a Difference!***

### ***A snapshot of results achieved:***

Denver — Achieved a 30% reduction in homicides since 2013.

New Orleans — Realized a 32% decrease in homicides in its first year of operation. Gang victim incident rates are at sustained all-time lows.

IBIS is currently located in about 220 of the nation's federal, state, and local law enforcement forensic laboratories. The task force is dedicated to the mission of providing real-time investigative leads for law enforcement.

Since the program's inception in 1999, NIBIN partners have confirmed more than 68,000 NIBIN hits, but the true performance metric of NIBIN is the successful arrest and prosecution of shooters.

Sources: <https://www.atf.gov/firearms/national-integrated-ballistic-information-network-nibin>  
Nichols, Ron—Moving Toward a More Effective NIBIN, Version 1.0



### **Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory IBIS/NIBIN Locations:**

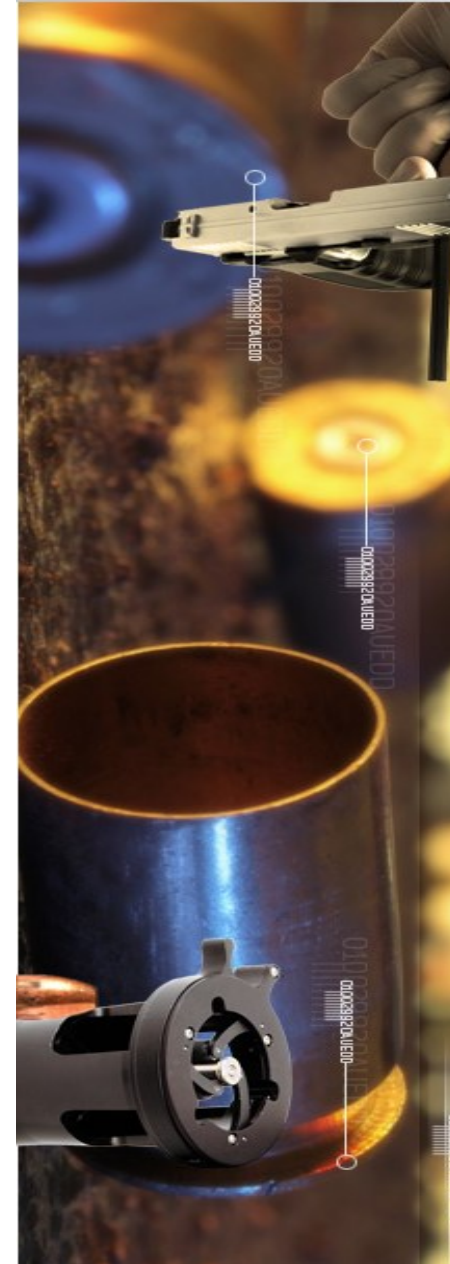
Tacoma Crime Laboratory  
2502 112th St. E.  
Tacoma, WA 98445  
Tel: (253) 538-3207

Seattle Crime Laboratory  
2203 Airport Way S. Bldg. A, Ste. 250  
Seattle, WA 98134-2045  
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## What is IBIS/NIBIN?

**IBIS**—Integrated Ballistic Identification System

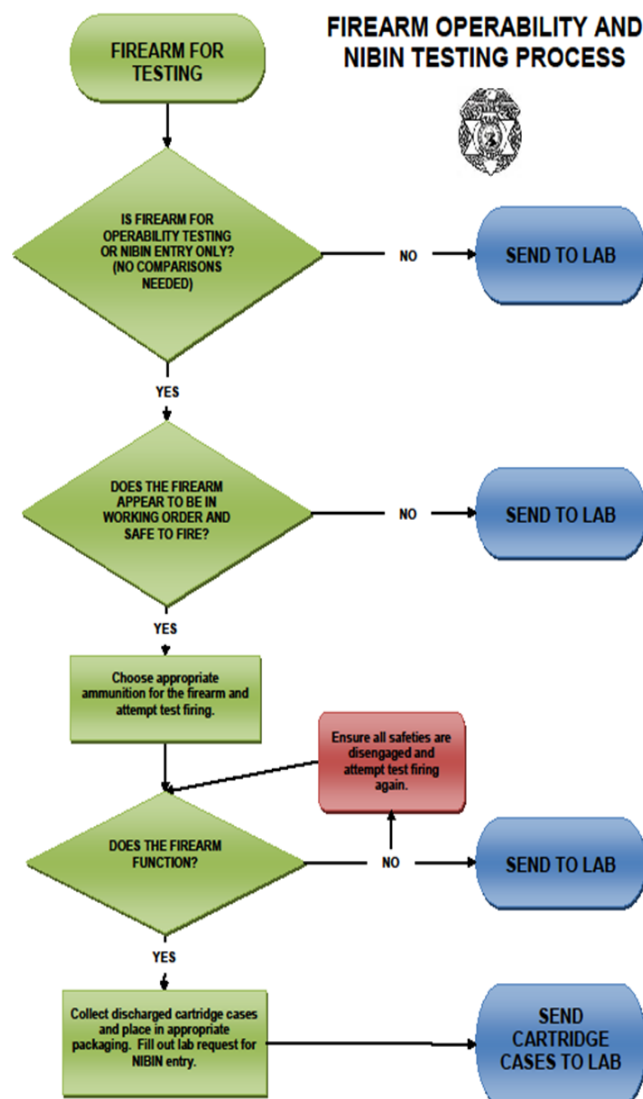
**NIBIN**—National Integrated Ballistic Information Network

NIBIN is an ATF managed law enforcement tool to identify, target, and determine sources of gun crime.

As a national database of digital images for fired cartridge cases, we are able to provide potential leads and link gun crimes in real-time.

## How it Works:

Fired cartridge cases from a scene or test fired cartridge cases from recovered firearms are entered into IBIS. Within a matter of hours, the cases are correlated in NIBIN and a search for possible matches (similarly marked cases) are available for comparison. Once an agency is notified of a potential hit, the hit can then be confirmed by a firearms examiner.



## How to submit cartridge cases for IBIS/NIBIN entry:

- Complete a WSP Request for Laboratory Examination (RFLE) with a request for NIBIN/IBIS entry.  
[http://www.wsp.wa.gov/forensics/docs/crimelab/request\\_for\\_laboratory\\_examination.pdf](http://www.wsp.wa.gov/forensics/docs/crimelab/request_for_laboratory_examination.pdf)
- Submit sealed and packaged evidence and test fired cartridge cases *only*.
- Test fired cartridge cases will need to include firearm information (make, model, caliber, serial number if present). Only 2 test fired cartridge cases are required.  
\*\*\* Note: Cartridge cases from derringers and revolvers are not entered.  
\*\*\* Bullets are not entered.

